Ganga Action Plan

2880. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga water is not fit for human consumption even after the execution of the Ganga Action Plan as per the newsitem entitled "Is Ganga Water Fit for Consumption" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated July 12, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The objective of pollution abatement works undertaken under Ganga Action Plan is to make the water of river Ganga fit for bathing. A total of 261 schemes on interception, diversion and treatment of waste water, low cost sanitation, river front development etc. sanctioned under the plan have been taken up out of which 191 schemes have been completed so far. Wherever the schemes have been completed, there is a distinct improvement in the quality of river water.

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2881. **श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने गुजरात में खाली पड़ी जमीनों को प्राकृतिक उद्यानों में परिवर्तित किए जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार को प्रस्तुत किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने प्राकृतिक उद्यानों को विकसित करने के लिए गुजरात को कोई सहायता प्रदान की है : और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस राज्य को दी गई सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है और गुजरात के कौन-कौन से जिले में इन उद्यानों को विकसित किया गया है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) (क) से (घ) राज्य सरकारों को प्राकृतिक उद्यानों की स्थापना के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देने की पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय की कोई स्कीम नहीं है ।

Environmental clearance to the irrigation projects and schemes

2882. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:
SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time limit has been fixed by Government for giving environmental clearance to the irrigation projects and schemes of various States;

(b) what is the total number of proposals for environmental clearance received during the last two years alongwith the names of such proposals; and

(c) the time taken by Government to scrutinize each of these proposals; and

(d) what is the total number of proposals for environmental clearance which are still pending with the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. A decision is taken within a maximum period of 3